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[Superintendent of Education, Ontario Department of Education]

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JOHN SEATH
SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION



Toronto, October 13th, 1914.

Dear President Falconer,-

Perhaps I should add to my letter of the other day that the course for B.Sc.(Agr.) was instituted at the request of this department and that as we accept it as qualification for High School Principals as well as specialists in Science and Agriculture, it is important that the Universities should see that the culture side of the course shall fit the holders of the degree for such positions, The point of view is preparation for teaching in our High Schools, not for positions as Agriculturists.

I enclose the letter which I received from the young man whom I wrote to you about the other day.

Yours very truly,

President Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Toronto.

(Enclosure)

58 Trillium Ave., Toronto,
October 8, 1914.

Mr. Seath:

Superintendent of Education,
Department of Education,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir.

Having just entered at the Ontario Agricultural College in my third year of the course leading to the degree B.Sc. (Agr.), I wish to obtain more definite knowledge concerning the work of the third and fourth years. I have completed the first half of the course as outlined at Newcastle University. Any statement of requirements that I have been able to obtain regarding this course has given a list of the subjects to be taken but has not outlined what courses I shall take in those subjects.

The work as I have started it this term is as follows:

English - 3 (the numbers representing the years of the regular course for the B.Sc. in which

(this work is given.)

History - Special to this course.

Economics 2, 3 years

Horticulture 1, 2.

Beeskeeping - 1.

Animal Husbandry 1, 2.

Dairy Husbandry 1, 2.

Field Husbandry 1, 2.

Poultry Husbandry 1, 2.

Botany 1, 2.

Entomology 1, 2.

Chemistry 1, 2, 3, 4 - Qualitative Analysis

Physics 1, 2, 3 - Cold Storage, Meteorology.

Also, under this arrangement, my timetable is quite unsatisfactory, owing to numerous clashes of classes. I shall enclose a copy of my present timetable and a list of classes registered for, which I am unable to attend.

I wish to ask you if it is advisable for me to continue with such a handicap or if it would be possible that dispensation be granted in certain subjects. In May I endeavoured to make some arrangements about the work to be done in the third and fourth years. From replies to my

inquiries I gathered that there would be difficulties in the way and decided to continue on a Science course in Arts. However, a former Science master at the Collegiate Institute strongly advised the obtaining of such a degree as this B.Sc. (Ag) course offers. As far I have found the work very interesting and desire to continue it if it will be possible for me to do satisfactory work.

I wish to return to the Ontario Agricultural College Monday evening, if you think it advisable, and until then shall be at the above address.
Yours sincerely,
Frank E. Foulds.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
845 English 3			Field Hist.	Saturday
				Dairying
				Dust. 2
935 English 3	Dairy Skins 2	Animal Meat 2	Entomology 3	Dairys 2 Entomology 3
1025 Poultry L.	Horticulture 2	Chemist 3	Chemist 3 Entomology 3	
11 Animal Husbandry 2	Animal Husbandry 1	Animal Husbandry 1	Botany 2	History Entomology 3
120 Chemistry 4	Horse Keeping 1	Dairy 1	Field Skins 1	Field Husbandry 1
30 Chemistry 4	Animal Skins 2	Dairy 1	Botany 2	Animal Husbandry 2

The numbers following the subjects denote the year in which the work is taken.

6 Classes which have much to attend

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Saturday

8:45 Speculture 1 — Dairy 1 — —

9:35 Balance 2 — — — —

9:35 Balance 2 — English 3 Dairy 1 — —

10:25 — — English 3 — —

11:15 — — English 3 — —

11:15 — — English 3 — —

11:15 — — English 3 — —

1:30 Speculture 1 Chemistry + Economics 3 Workculture 2 — — —

3:20 — — Chemistry 1 — — —

(every day
Saturday afternoon)

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Toronto, October 10th, 1914.

Dear President Falconer,-

Let me call your attention again to the urgent necessity for settling the University side of the courses for B.Sc. (Agr.) at Guelph. The young man who has taken the course called upon me to-day and is distressed because matters are in an unsettled condition. As I pointed out to you when I met you last, any decision in regard to the courses should have the support of the two other Universities - Queen's and McMaster - before it is submitted to the Minister.

Yours very truly,

President Falconer,

University of Toronto,

Toronto.

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October 15th, 1914.

Dr Seath

Department of Education

Toronto

Dear Dr Seath:

Will you kindly submit to the Minister of Education the following facts that are occasioned by the introduction of the new General Course in Arts during the present Session.- As you are aware, the Council has been engaged during the past two years upon the revision of the General Course, with a view to lessening the number of subjects and of securing more intensive work. It was found desirable to introduce the full Course at once in order to avoid complications in the Time-table with two concurrent Courses. With the reduction of the number of subjects, and the more intensive work, changes have been introduced into the Honour Courses which are accepted for non-professional academic qualifications. Difficulties in the Time-table, and the lack of laboratory accommodation, render it impossible that in some of these Honour Courses all the Pass subjects, at present required for Specialist's certificates, can be taken.

Dr Seath

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The subjects are chiefly as follows:-

In the First Year....Ancient History and Biology

In the Second Year....Geology

In the Third and Fourth Years....History.

Will you be good enough to ask the Minister to accept for the present Session, for Specialist's qualifications, our present Course in Honours, with such of the Pass subjects formerly included as the Time-table and the laboratories will permit.

I may further state that we are about to revise our Honour Courses themselves and hope to have them ready by the first of December. I shall be glad to inform you of the changes as soon as possible after we have reached a decision.

Yours very truly,

President.

October 30th, 1914

Dr. John Seath,
Superintendent of Education,
Toronto.

Dear Dr. Seath:

Miss Laird has seen me this morning with regard to the securing from the Department of Education the recognition for specialist standing of the new General Course in Household Science. This course is built round the new revised General Course and contains sufficient we believe to qualify students as specialists in Household Science, though there is also an additional Honour Course in Household Science.

Miss Laird spoke to me about the matter last spring before it was the part of the General Course, and she informed me that you were then quite willing to recognize it and that it would be given to this new course. There are a number of us who are anxious with regard to their future, and we would appreciate getting from you any authoritative statement in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

President.



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Toronto, November 5th, 1914.

Dear Dr. Falconer,-

I have discussed with the Minister the propriety of including Sewing in the University Courses and he has promised to communicate with you on the subject some time this week.

Yours very truly,

John Seath

Dr. Falconer,

President, University of Toronto,

Toronto.

November 6th, 1914

Dr. John Seath,

Superintendent of Education.

Dear Dr. Seath:

I have just written to Dr. Pyne that after seeing Miss Laird I find that it is possible that sewing can be placed in the second year without undue burden on the student, and that Miss Laird can provide a room in which instruction may be given. In this way I think your desires will be facilitated without our interfering with our regular curriculum and through the department providing the necessary instruction. I hope that these arrangements will prove satisfactory.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.



JOHN SEATH
SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

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SUPERINTENDENT'S
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Toronto, January 26th, 1915.

Dear President Falconer,-

It appears that the Course for B.Sc.(Agr.) now requires some modification and a clearer definition. The Minister has, accordingly, instructed me to ask for a conference of representatives of the three Universities concerned - Toronto, Queen's, and McMaster. For such a conference I propose February 9th in my office in the Parliament Buildings at 10 A.M., and I suggest that your Registrar and yourself or a member of your staff be present to represent your University. Any conclusion arrived at will, of course, be subject to the approval of the Senate of each of the Universities.

I shall be glad to hear from you at your early convenience as to the acceptability of the above proposal.

Yours very truly,

President Falconer, C.M.G.,
University of Toronto,
Toronto.

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January 27th, 1915

Dr. J. Seath,
Superintendent of Education,
Toronto.

Dear Dr. Seath:

February 9th at ten o'clock will be a suitable time for me to meet with you other representatives of the Universities in order to discuss the course for the degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. I have spoken to Mr. Bretner about the date.

Yours sincerely,

President.

